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Inspirational Kath celebrates 100th birthday

Town's special brew is something to shout about!

Town Crier Don Evans at work on Ormskirk Gingerbread Ale

TOWN Crier Don Evans swapped bell-ringing for beer-mashing this week while helping to create a special gingerbread-flavoured beer in time for this weekend's Ormskirk Community Partnership Gingerbread Festival.

Don went along to the Burscough Brewing Company, based in the courtyard at the back of the former Hop Vine Pub in the centre of Burscough, to help with preparations for the special commemorative brew, Ormskirk Gingerbread Ale.

The beer is described as 'pale-blonde in colour with a rounded bitterness and a refreshing, slightly sweet, fruity and ginger finish'.

It will be available in Ormskirk during the Festival in the Hop Inn Bier Shoppe on Burscough Street and The Cricketers pub in Chapel Street. And staff will be giving away free samples outside the Hop Inn Bier Shoppe on Saturday (July 30).

Police warning about dangers of open-water swimming

STEER CLEAR OF QUARRIES-CALL

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE start of the school summer holidays and the recent hot weather have prompted a renewed warning by Lancashire Police about the dangers of open-water swimming.

Officers are urging youngsters to avoid the temptation to take a cooling dip in the county's canals and quarries and stick instead to supervised areas such as swimming pools.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has revealed that every year in the UK, around 400 people die from drowning – and thousands are left with severe injuries.

Search and rescue and emergency services respond to more than 100,000 water-related incidents each year.

Last year a campaign was launched to fill in a West Lancashire quarry following the death of 13-year-old Miracle Godson in April.

More that 4,000 people signed an online petition started by mum-of-one Natalie Prescott, 24, who suffered life-changing injuries three years ago when she jumped from the cliff at East Quarry in Appley Bridge and was lucky to survive after hitting the rocks.

Although often on private land, quarries attract young people from across Lancashire keen to scale the sharp perimeter fences to swim there, particularly during spells of warmer weather.

One of the warning signs at East Quarry

Video-sharing website YouTube features clips of young thrill-seekers hurling themselves in to the East Quarry, as well as Hilldale Quarry in neighbouring Parbold.

But unseen dangers at the quarry include swimmers going into shock when they are immersed in the cold water, hitting ledges or rocks under the water and being injured or drowning.

In 2000, 17-year-old Craig Croston from Platt Bridge also died at the Appley Bridge site after falling in.

And there have also been deaths at the privately-owned Hilldale Quarry. In 2010, 31-year-old Cameron McInnes died after the rope swing he was using snapped, sending him plunging into the water.

Sam Fowler, 14, from Norris Green, Liverpool, also died while swimming there in 1999.

Despite the string of deaths and injuries, there has still been a spate of calls to the police reporting trespassers swimming in the quarries.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said: "There have been several calls reporting people trespassing and climbing into East Quarry at Appley Bridge and swimming in the water.

"Young people and teenagers are most at risk of drowning in deep, cold water and falling down sheer faces.

"The water can look inviting, especially in very warm weather such as that experienced recently, but the water is very cold and deep and even experienced swimmers can suddenly find themselves in difficulty.

"Jumping into the water is also very dangerous as there are rocks, ledges and debris on the quarry

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Local GP to lead support project for cancer patients and their families

Community venue in Skelmersdale expected to be programme's centre

A GP from Ormskirk has been appointed to lead a Macmillan cancer programme for patients and their families living in West Lancashire.

Doctor Simon Frampton, who has been a partner at Ormskirk Medical Practice on Derby Street for 25 years, will lead the joint initiative by NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The project aims to ensure that those living with and beyond cancer get the care and support they need to lead as healthy and active a lifestyle as possible, for as long as possible.

The new programme will tackle emotional, social and physical needs, as well as clinical care, and will be led by Dr Frampton, supported by Macmillan project manager, Jen Burns.

As part of the new programme a Macmillan cancer information and support centre will be opening at a community venue in 2016 which will provide practical and financial advice and emotional support to patients, families and carers.

Dr Simon Frampton

The location of the centre has not yet been finalised but it is expected to be created in Skelmersdale, with pop-up Macmillan information stands available at other locations across West Lancashire.

One element of the service that is already up and running in West Lancashire is Move More, a personal, tailored physical activity programme based in the physiotherapy department at Ormskirk Hospital.

Dr Simon Frampton said: "This programme is an excellent opportunity for West Lancashire and will provide great benefits to patients, families and carers.

"We recognise that emotional and social support is equally as important as the clinical treatment and care that people receive and this remains at the core of what we hope to deliver through this service.

"Similarly we recognise the important role our local GPs play in supporting those living with and beyond cancer, so a big part of this programme is working closely with primary care colleagues to enhance education around cancer."

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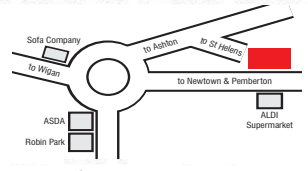

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Mayor to open town's first Gingerbread Fest

THE first Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival will take place this Saturday (July 30).

Organised by the Ormskirk Community Partnership, supported by West Lancs Borough Council, the event will be officially opened by the mayor, Councillor Liz Savage at 10am, assisted by town crier, Don Evans.

Shops and stalls will be decorated with a Gingerbread theme and entertainment will be provided.

Comical theatre performers the Lancashire Revels will perform in Moor Street and songs from the 40s and 50s will be performed by individual singers, as well as a wide variety of songs performed by the Community Choir.

There will also be dancers and a magician, clowns and circus performers, and vintage games, free of charge, will be provided near to the Clock Tower.

One of the organisers, Irene Slack said: "Our links with Ormskirk's heritage will be provided by the Gingerbread Lady who will be giving out samples of Ormskirk gingerbread and challenging the youngsters with gingerbread-themed games with a prize every time.

"Exhibitions of Ormskirk's past will be on display courtesy of Chris Bentley's Ormskirk Bygone Times and Ormskirk Family History Society. More music will be provided in Burscough Street and a competition will take families around the town centre streets, looking for clues in the hope of winning an exclusive gingerbread model.

"As an added attraction, there will be a Makers Market in the Chapel Gallery with activities and demonstrations.

"Following the success of the Love Your Market event in May, Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival Day is the latest in a series of speciality markets running in Ormskirk between now and Christmas."

Inspirational Kath celebrates milestone birthday three times over

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN inspirational volunteer has celebrated her milestone 100th birthday with THREE parties!

Lifelong St John Ambulance volunteer Kathleen (Kath) Thomas from Aughton reached her personal milestone on Friday, July 22 and enjoyed three celebrations.

First up was afternoon tea with fellow St John volunteers at their monthly meeting on Thursday (July 21).

This was followed by a huge party with family and friends, complete with two-tier cake, at the Aughton Institute on the actual day.

And finally she enjoyed a third celebration at St Michael's Church in Aughton on Sunday, July 24.

Kath studied with the St John Ambulance Brigade for her first aid certificate at the age of 19 and joined the Liverpool South Nursing Division.

Before the Second World War she used her two weeks holiday from her full-time job with a wholesale chemist to train as a volunteer nurse at a local hospital.

During the war she was posted to Broad Green Hospital and worked there in her spare time, as well as keeping up her full time job and taking on duties as a firewatcher!

And she still volunteers, as well as raising £4,000 for the St John Eye Hospital Group by painstakingly sewing more than hundreds of knitted crosses in her spare time.

May Brooke, a St John volunteer who was one of Kath's cadets as a teenager, said: "She joined the St John Ambulance Brigade as nursing member and introduced a new cadet nursing division in Liverpool South in 1946.

"By 1963, she had been promoted to area superintendent of nursing and in March 2006, she was made an Officer Sister of the Order of St Jerusalem in an investiture in London, sanctioned by the Queen.

Kathleen Thomas with her greetings from the Queen

"She is now a member of the St John Fellowship, an organisation for retired members. She has raised more than £4,000 by embroidering more than 450 of what is known as a Cross in My Pocket, a knitted cross with a religious poem attached to it.

"The nursing cadet division was a great success and the cadets made wonderful progress. She helped us realise that we could aspire to a greater future with confidence. The majority of us have kept in touch with 'Aunty Kath' and each other."

Kath was interviewed about her experiences as a volunteer for GMTV in 2006.

Police issue steer clear of quarries warning

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floor that can shift and move.

"Other hazards include falling off ledges and being struck by rock fall.

"We are urging young people to consider the consequences of what they may consider a bit of harmless fun.

"And parents, please be mindful of where your children are at evenings, weekends and during holidays, especially during hot weather.

"Yet again large numbers of youths have put their lives at risk by scaling dangerously sharp perimeter fences and swimming in the quarry. Lives have been lost by people entering the water and getting in to difficulties very quickly."

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Garden centre boss pledge after licence bid approval

THE owner of the Warbreck Garden Centre in Lathom has given reassurances to neighbours after being granted a licence to sell alcohol and hold music events.

Although residents living near to the centre in Lyelake Lane had raised concerns about potential disturbance, members of West Lancs Council's licensing sub-committee granted the licence allowing the centre to serve alcohol from 9am to 11pm all week.

It will also be allowed to play live and recorded music at certain times.

Following the granting of the application, garden centre owner, Richard Allinson commented: "I am very aware of the concerns of our neighbours and will ensure that the events at the garden centre will operate in a way to minimise disruption to the day-to-day life of residents.

'Minimal impact'

"The events we are looking to hold will have minimal impact on our neighbours. Ultimately I want them to be proud to have us as their neighbours.

"We are not looking at holding 18th and 21st birthday parties but we are planning on holding 'Rat Pack' nights for middle-aged people."

"I was advised to revise my original application to allow for later serving times to provide us with more flexibility. In reality we have no intention of operating so late given the mature nature of our clientele, the type of events and staff working hours.

"Events will remain infrequent. We are primarily a daytime leisure venue and have no desire to change that."

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Strike up the band!

LIVE music lovers are in for a treat at this year's fantastic free Summer Music Festival in Coronation Park, Ormskirk starting on Saturday, July 30.

Groups playing music ranging from blues and Merseybeat to ska and two tone will be performing at the bandstand on Saturday afternoons, while local brass bands take centre stage on Sundays.

All concerts begin at 2pm and end at around 4pm and some seating will be provided for those who prefer to sit down and relax while enjoying the music.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Listening to live music is a great way to spend a summer afternoon, particularly when you can do it in lovely surroundings like Coronation Park, so come along and enjoy the music."

The Saturday line-up of bands is as follows:

July 30: Wayne Carrick Band (blues and covers band).

August 6: Ukes At The Wharf (local ukelele band).

August 13: Searchin (Merseybeat sound from the 60s).

August 20: Red Eyed Jedi (best of local ska and two tone beats with brass section).

Music lovers in for a treat as month-long festival gets underway

August 27: George's Big Shed (straight from Shedbeat Studios, rock, pop and blues originals).

Sunday brass bands performing are as follows:

July 31: Skelmersdale Prize Band.

August 7: Flixton Brass Band.

August 14: Coppull and Standish Brass Band.

August 21: Farnworth and Walkden Band.

August 28: Trinity Girls Brass Band.

In the event of inclement weather please check with the park ranger on 01695 570258 that the bands are still playing.

Trinity Girls Brass Band will be performing on the same day that Ormskirk MotorFest takes place. Cars will be on display in the park and around Ormskirk town centre.

For more information about what's on in West Lancs visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/events.

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Sunday family fun day

WEST Lancs Council's Arts Development Service is organising a free family fun day in Ormskirk town centre on Sunday, July 31.

There will be a free puppet show with three performances of the Alchemist by acclaimed Outdoor Theatre Company, Frolicked Theatre, Sue Allonby will be giving free storytelling sessions and families can also enjoy art and craft sessions.

A full-scale Vintage and Handmade Fair had also been planned with stalls in Chapel Gallery and nearby streets but the gallery will be closed on the day due to ongoing work.

However, there will be some stalls on streets close to the gallery and a vintage DJ will also entertain the crowds.

Stalls will be located on Moor Street along with the other entertainment and a few funfair rides and games on Aughton Street.

There will also be free lace-making demonstrations and a Makers' Market in the Chapel Gallery on Saturday (July 30) as part of the Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival.

Residents invited to have say on council budget proposals

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS and organisations in West Lancashire are being invited to give their views on the borough council's proposals for savings of more than £750,000 in the General Revenue Budget, which include introducing a £30 charge to collect garden waste.

Service users and residents, along with local organisations and businesses, can give their views through the council website www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews.

Comments can also be submitted by letter and email.

The closing date is September 4 and the council will make final decisions in October for implementation in 2017/18.

The main proposals are:

Introducing an annual charge of £30 to collect garden waste.

Ceasing garden waste collections during the winter.

'Modest reductions' in the number of CCTV cameras in areas with lower crime rates and in live monitoring during off-peak periods.

A review of street cleaning work.

A new approach to public toilets provision.

Councillor Chris Wynn, the council's cabinet member for finance, said: "It is important that people take the opportunity to give their views on these proposals so the council can take them into account before final decisions are made.

Councillor Chris Wynn

"Earlier this year we carried out a survey to gather views on spending priorities and satisfaction with services, and these proposals have been informed by those results."

The council is seeking views from individuals and organisations and is working with West Lancashire CVS to contact local voluntary and community groups, businesses, and other organisations to invite them to take part.

However, it is stressed that the consultation is open to all. Any organisation can complete the survey and all residents can take part. Paper copies of the surveys can be provided if requested.

Meanwhile opposition councillors are critical of the proposals.

Conservative group leader, Councillor David Westley, said: "The Labour administration has nothing to show for its first year in control apart from increased council tax, cuts in services and the approval of more than £5m of debt.

"Labour is quite clearly relying on their tried and tested solution of hiking up council tax, taking on substantial debt and slashing front-line services."

And Our West Lancashire representative for Derby ward, Councillor Adrian Owens commented: "Given that the council underspent by more than £600,000 last year, many of these proposals should simply be consigned to the dustbin.

"To give just one example, to propose reduced CCTV monitoring just weeks after spending more money on installing extra cameras is madness. There are other equally damaging proposals and they should be scrapped and the process re-started."

Council tenants are also being consulted on over £6m savings between 2017/18 and 2019/20.

Elderly woman injured in two-car collision

The scene of the accident in Tarleton. Photograph by Charles Irving.

AN ELDERLY woman suffered whiplash injuries after a car crash which left one vehicle on its side in Tarleton.

The accident occurred at around 11.45am on Friday, July 22 when a blue Vauxhall and a Mini Cooper were involved in a collision on Hesketh Lane.

Three fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended the scene, along with the North West Ambulance Service and Lancashire Constabulary officers.

The driver and passenger of the car which ended up on its side had to be freed from the vehicle.

The passenger, an elderly woman, was treated for minor whiplash injuries.

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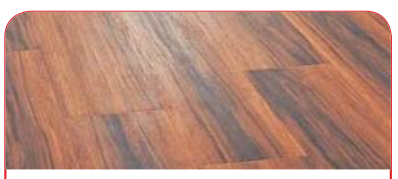

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Tunisia terror attack survivor pays tribute to Edge Hill staff

Hollie overcame trauma of beach ordeal to gain masters degree thanks to support of university

AN Edge Hill student who survived last year's Tunisian terror attack in which 38 people - 30 of them Britons - were killed has revealed how her tutors at the Ormskirk university helped her to cope with the post-traumatic stress of her ordeal while completing her nursing masters degree.

Hollie Ling *(right)* was taking a holiday with her partner just before the start of the third year of her course in the popular resort of Port El Kantaoui when they went to watch the sunrise at 4am on June 26, 2015.

They had positioned themselves on the beach on sun lounges nearest to the sea and were enjoying a relaxing day in the sun until the unimaginable unfolded before their eyes.

Hollie said: "At 12.15pm we heard a popping sound and thought it was a speed boat back-firing. But when we looked up we saw a man shooting people with an assault rifle. And he was heading towards us.

"We literally ran for our lives. There was sand flying everywhere and we could hear the bullets screeching past us and hitting the sand and parasols.

"The Tunisian people protected us from the bullets, they shielded us and made a wall out of their bodies."

Hollie and her partner ran back to their hotel and hid in their room for five hours, listening to the shooting and waiting for help to arrive.

They were eventually evacuated and flown home.

But during the last year as Holly struggled to come to terms with what she witnessed she developed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which has had a significant impact on her daily life and her final year of studies.

She added: "There was a point where I didn't think I would be able to complete my course but thanks to the support I received from everyone at Edge Hill, I was able to finish and qualify.

"Completing my course was the only thing that got me through, it gave me a reason to get up and carry on."

Following her graduation this month July has already been successful in securing a permanent job as a staff nurse at a hospital where she completed a placement.

MP welcomes funding for safety measures on 'rat run' roads

Cottage Lane in Ormskirk

ROSIE Cooper has welcomed Lancashire County Council's decision to provide £66,000 for road safety improvements on the Cottage Lane and Halsall Lane areas of Ormskirk.

Funding from the county's Highways and Transport Capital Programme is being used to install traffic-calming measures and address other road safety concerns, issues which Ms Cooper has raised on behalf of local residents.

Speaking about the investment, the West Lancs MP said: "Lancashire County Council have recognised that there are problems with speeding vehicles on these roads.

"Drivers tend to use them as a rat-run when travelling into and out of Ormskirk causing serious road safety concerns for local residents.

"This substantial involvement shows a real commitment by Lancashire County Council as the highways authority to tackle these safety concerns."

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Hospital trust signs up to midwives charter

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Ormskirk maternity staff sign the charter

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has become one of the first in the UK to sign up to the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Caring for You Charter.

The charter, one of the cornerstones of the RCM's Caring for You campaign, aims to improve services for women and babies by improving the wellbeing of staff.

Launched in June, the campaign encourages all trusts across the UK to sign-up to the charter which commits them to working with the RCM's health and safety representatives to improve the health, safety and wellbeing at work of midwives, student midwives and maternity support workers who in turn will be able to provide even better care for women, babies and their families.

The RCM believes that heads of midwifery working in partnership with the college's health and safety representatives makes a difference by lowering stress levels resulting in improved care for patients and their families.

Robin Rootes, RCM steward and health and safety representative at the Southport and Ormskirk Trust, said: "We are delighted to sign this charter and are committed to embedding its core components within maternity services.

"This will build on the good work already underway in maternity. Health and wellbeing of our staff is crucial to having a successful maternity unit."

Lynne Eastham, head of nursing & midwifery at the trust, added: "Our excellent staff support the delivery of more than 2,500 babies each year. They do a magnificent job and we are committed to offering them the right support to enable them to do their jobs. We are pleased to be one of the first trusts in the UK to sign up to this charter."

Lesley Wood, the RCM's regional officer for the North West, commented: "I am delighted that the Southport and Ormskirk Trust have signed the charter. They have a committed team of midwives and maternity support workers and I welcome their commitment to staff and the people they care for."

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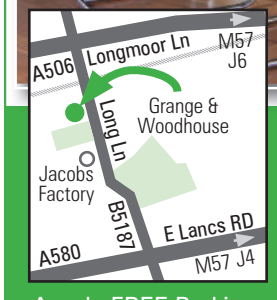

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Loan shark handed suspended sentence

AN Ormskirk woman has been given a suspended prison sentence for her role in an illegal money lending scheme.

Catherine Luders was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment suspended for two years at Preston Crown Court following an investigation by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT), working in partnership with Lancashire Trading Standards and Lancashire Police.

The 64-year-old was a legitimate money lender from June 1997 until December 2012 when her licence lapsed and she didn't renew it.

Despite this she continued to collect and grant new loans in the unlicensed period and merged with Karen Scott from Eccleston who had never held a licence to lend money.

A warrant was executed in November 2015 at Luders and Scott's home addresses which resulted in the recovery of loan documentation under the name of 'Winds of Change'.

Messages

Catherine Luders and Karen Scott played operational roles, while Scott's husband, David Scott assisted in collecting on late or non-payers.

Examination of mobile phones seized during both searches revealed text messages between loan customers and the defendants either requesting loans or arranging collection of loans.

From the time of Luders' licence lapsing to the time of her arrest she had advanced £40,110 to loan customers and received £47,729, charging interest of between 40 and 50% to borrowers mainly from Kirkby.

Tony Quigley, head of the IMLT said: "We are continuing to crack down on illegal money lending and bringing those who break the law to justice. We would urge anyone with information about loan sharking or victims of loan sharks to contact the team on 0300 555 2222."

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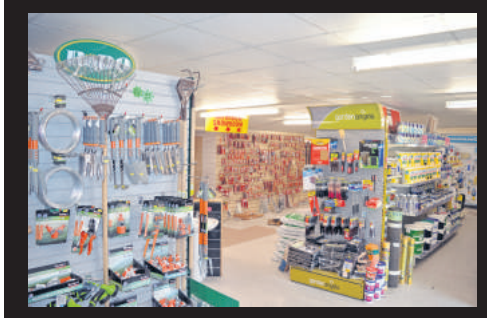

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Full steam ahead as visitors flock to rally

VISTORS flocked to the annual Riverside Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally held at the Leisure Lakes at Mere Brow last weekend (July 23 and 24).

The event boasted more than 500 steam, vintage and classic vehicles, a vintage fairground, steam gallopers, a beer tent, donkey rides, miniature steam railway, tea room and craft, food and trade stalls.

Originally scheduled for April, the event had to be re-arranged due to the ground being waterlogged. This year was the first time that the popular attraction, formerly held at the Leisure Lakes, having formerly been staged at the Riverside Leisure Park in Banks.

Right: Mr Woods and companions from the 1900s Living History Victoriana group take a stroll around the rally.

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Church's £16,000 fundraising drive for graveyard extension

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a church congregation have launched an unusual fundraising appeal - aiming to raise almost £16,000 to extend their graveyard.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe have set up an online donations page at crowdfunder.co.uk and are hoping to raise £15,998 by the end of the year.

The 19th-century church's graveyard is nearly full and they are hoping to raise the funds to extend the graveyard by an additional 300 plots.

The fundraising drive is being organised by worshipper and PCC member Edward McCarthy.

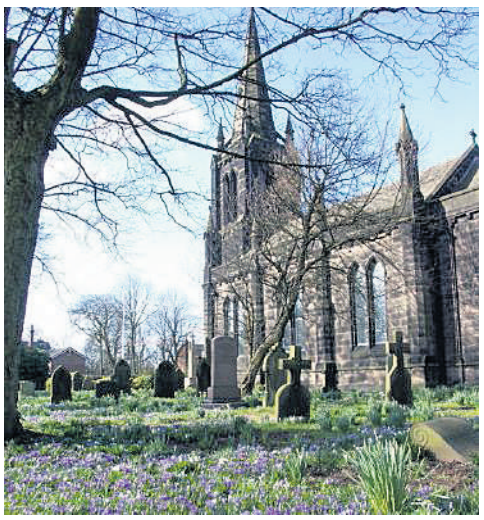
As well as arranging a number of events and fundraisers, the group are also applying for various grants to help reach their target before the current graveyard reaches its capacity, estimated to be around December.

The funds are needed to pay for the levelling and re-turfing of a field owned by the church at the rear of the churchyard, which would be used to extend the graveyard. A new entrance would also be required to link the graveyards, along with landscaping and hedging.

The congregation are hoping to start the first phase of the work in the autumn.

Edward McCarthy said: "Holy Trinity is a lovely church serving the rural community of Bickerstaffe. "The church was built in 1843 and is used not just on Sunday but for a wide range of other community activities and events.

"Now we need help to fund the churchyard extension as our graveyard is nearly full. Local families want a local burial facility to be sustained here in Bickerstaffe. The alternative would mean families having to travel at least 10 miles, bearing in mind the rural nature of the parish and poor transport links, causing hardship for the bereaved.



The graveyard at the Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe

"The project involves work to the church wall, spraying of the site, levelling, digger hire, path and turf-laying, the purchase of timber fencing and a new gateway and landscaping and hedging.

"Although financial support is paramount, we would also welcome practical support from local people willing to become involved in the work."

To make a donation or for more information visit the church, call Edward on 07971299606 or visit crowdfunder.co.uk/bickerstaffe-holy-trinity-church-project.

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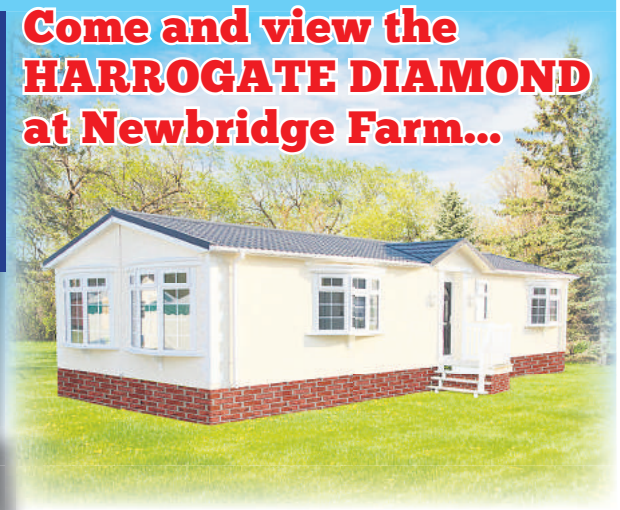

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MEMBERS of the public are being invited to pull on their boots and take a 'walk on the wild side' over the next month by taking part in the West Lancashire Walking Festival.

Organised by West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service in partnership with walk leaders from different organisation, the festival offers opportunities to learn about local wildlife, as well as enjoying tours of the borough's towns and countryside.

The aim is to provide routes that cover as much of West Lancashire as possible, all the walks are free and there is something to suit all abilities, from short themed walks to long-distance rambles.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "There are some lovely events planned for the West Lancashire Walking Festival so come and join in. You will see some beautiful countryside and parts of the borough you may never have seen before."

There is no need to book for any of the walks, but people wishing to join in are asked to turn up to the meeting point 10 minutes before walks are due to start to ensure they set off on time.

The first walk is an eight-mile circular jaunt around Hunter's Hill on Saturday, July 30, starting at 10am.

This will be followed by another eight-mile circular route on Sunday, July 31, taking in Lathom and starting from Ruff Wood at 10am.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

The other walks are as follows:

Wednesday, August 3, Martin Mere Reedbed walk (two miles) meet at 10am at Martin Mere.

Saturday, August 6, Tarleton circular (seven miles) meet 10am at Tarleton library.

Sunday, August 7, Gorse Hill Nature Reserve (four miles) meet 1pm at the reserve.

Tuesday, August 9, Burscough circular (six miles) meet 10am at Platts Lane.

Saturday, August 13, useful and medicinal plants (four miles) meet 10am at Beacon Country Park.

Sunday, August 14, Beacon Canal Loop (eight miles) meet 10am at Beacon Country Park.

Tuesday, August 16, Mere Sands Wood (four miles) meet 10am at Mere Sands Wood.

Saturday, August 20, Ormskirk bat walk (two miles) meet 8pm at Coronation Park.

Sunday, August 21, Fairy Glen circular (eight miles) meet 10am at Fairy Glen.

Wednesday, August 24, Ormskirk circular (six miles) meet 10am at Coronation Park.

Saturday, August 27, Burscough Wetlands (12 miles) meet 10am at Platts Lane.

Sunday, August 28 Beacon bat walk (four miles) meet 8.30pm at Beacon Country Park.

Walks are open to all but anyone under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult aged 18 or older. Please ensure that you wear clothing and footwear to walk through uneven/countryside terrain.

Longer walks will have a scheduled lunch stop and you will require a packed lunch. It is good practice to carry a drink with you on all walks.

Dogs are not allowed on the Martin Mere walks but are welcome on the others. In the case of bad weather check with the rangers if walks will go ahead.

For more information go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/walking-festival; call the rangers on 01695 622794, or email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk.

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Bowlers seek site for new 'home'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a village bowling club who are being turfed out of their home for the past eight decades have launched an urgent search to find an alternative location in West Lancashire to build a new green.

The Halton Castle Bowling Club have been based at the Halton Castle Inn in Westhead for more than 82 years.

However, brewers Marston's have now sold the pub in Crosshall Brow, along with the bowling green and car park, leaving the trundlers seeking a new base.

The new owner is allowing them to play on at the venue until the current bowling season finishes at the end of September and has also agreed to fund a new green when the members find a site.

In the meantime the bowlers will be faced with having to share another club's facilities when the new season starts in April next year.

And they are keen to pinpoint a suitable location for their new green as quickly as possible to hopefully have a home of their own in time for the 2018 season.

AGREEMENT

Club secretary Eric Barklem told the Champion: "The bowling green and car park has been sold by Marston's brewery and the pub is now closed. The new owner has agreed to honour the agreement between the bowling club and the brewery to allow us to continue bowling there until the end of the season, with access to toilet facilities.

"He has also agreed to provide us with a new bowling green at a location specified by us and we hope to have one built locally but the site we wanted is sadly no longer available.

Halton Castle Bowling Club secretary Eric Barklem on the pub green which the club has to leave after 82 years

"When the Champion first revealed in April that we were to be evicted we were contacted by many clubs offering us the use of their greens until the end of the season to fulfil our fixtures.

"This would have been fine in the short term but we have to consider our long-term future as two teams bowl at the Halton Castle - Halton Castle and Castle Lane - and we are hoping that we can remain together at our new green.

"We need to find a new location for both teams where we can have a green built and with parking.

"We'd also like to thank all teams and clubs who offered their support when we first learned we were to be evicted and in the meantime we would be very grateful to find somewhere we can bowl for the next two years."

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Agency warning to farmers and landowners over illegal waste storage

THE Environment Agency is warning farmers and landowners of an increase in the illegal storage of baled mixed waste.

Over the last two months, there has been an increase in the illegal deposit of baled mixed municipal waste badged under the term of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF).

The Environment Agency has said landowners are being approached with a request to store the bales for a number of months while 'an energy plant is in place' at which point the bales would be collected. Farmers have been offered between £600 to £1,200 for three months storage.

Andy Coleman, from the Environment Agency's waste team, said: "While this may sound appealing to landowners/farmers, it is not legal. There are no permits in place to regulate this activity.

"The bales are poorly wrapped and are often split when delivered causing the contents to spill out. There is a high risk of waste fires and fly infestations due to the waste not being stored in the correct manner.

"Consequently, farmers are putting themselves at risk of enforcement action being taken against them if they allow the storage to take place. Any farmer who has been approached to store such waste or is currently storing such waste is urged to contact the Environment Agency via the 24-hour incident hot-line 0800 807060."

There is a strong suspicion that the bales will never be collected thus leaving the landowners with an expensive clearance bill.

Adam Briggs, Lancashire County adviser for the National Farmers Union, added: "Farmers need to keep in mind their duty of care with regards to waste and the paperwork requirements. An environmental permit or waste exemption is needed to store or use waste material.

"If farmers are asked to store baled mixed municipal waste, even on a short-term basis, they should refuse the material and contact the Environment Agency to seek further advice."

Report by **Henry James**

An example of some of the some of the illegal waste that landowners are being urged to loo out for

Cheryl and Lisa from Community Link Foundation with hospital staff in the new relatives' room

New relatives room opens at hospital

A NEW relatives' room has opened at Southport Hospital to allow nurses to talk to families in confidence.

The hospital has a busy A&E department which lacked an area for private discussions and Community Link Foundation has funded the new room to offer a tranquil space away from the wards.

A&E sister Colette Henshaw, said: "We are really grateful for Community Link Foundation for supporting this new room.

"There are times when medics will sometimes need to tell tragic news to families. This room provides a calming and private area for those extremely important discussions."

The relatives' room has a phone line and tea-making facilities with mugs kindly donated by Sainsbury's in Southport.

Cheryl Gradwell, Community Link Foundation trustee and board member, said: "The foundation was unanimous in its support for this new room. It's important to have a space where families can gather their thoughts when they are told they have lost a loved one."

Cheryl, who lost her husband Christopher four years ago, was told the tragic news at A&E. "It's something you would never want to go through. I think I may have been able to gather my thoughts a little better had I been told in a room like this.

"I'm very pleased to see this room now open where hospital staff can give support to families when they need it most."

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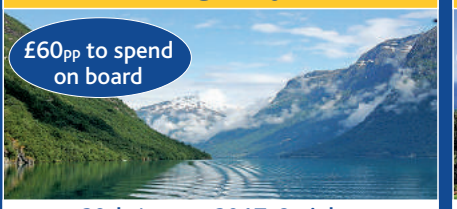

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Caring ambulance and A&E staff deserve the highest praise

THROUGH the Champion my family and I would like to thank the ambulance service.

Between November last year and April this year I was admitted to Southport Hospital five times.

On every occasion the paramedics and technicians could not have done more to reassure me and respect my needs, continuously explaining what they were doing in a caring manner whilst at the same time showing complete professionalism.

I feel that they don't get the respect they deserve, especially with the demanding nature of their job.

I would also like to mention all the staff at the A&E for the ongoing high standards of care given whilst working in such a pressured environment.

I and many others truly appreciate what you do, so once again thank you.

Sue O, Westhead

Fantastic letter made my day!

IT was fantastic to read Mr Marsh's letter (Champion, July 20). It made my day!

Scouting really does offer young people a better start in life. It has given me countless opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise had. The leadership skills that I have developed have helped me immensely throughout my education, especially university.

I hope that throughout my time as District Youth Commissioner for Ormskirk that I can ensure Scouting in Ormskirk equips young people with the skills and confidence they need to be successful.

So, I'd like to echo Mr Marsh and say that if you can offer any support, please do. Scouting is a fantastic organisation I'm proud to be part of.

Becca Webster, District Youth Commissioner, Ormskirk District Scouts

There are far more important things in life than a road sign

I JUST had to write about the very funny Ron Dennis (Letters, July 20) and about how he does not like the fact that the Up Holland sign has been taken down and he does not like to be associated with Skelmersdale.

Well, I find it interesting that he hates Skem so much but he is more than happy to read the Skelmersdale Champion and also write to the Skelmersdale Champion, but best yet he is more than happy to drive through Skelmersdale when he has to use his car - I bet he even shops in Skelmersdale.

Maybe he ought to drive on the M58 instead of having to come to such an awful place as Skem?

I really had no idea that Up Holland was THE place to live.

He must lead a very sad life if all he can worry about is a sign. There are far more important things in life.

David Jenkins, by email

'Wrapped-up prejudice' was a slight on our town

GIVEN Mr Dennis' clearly-stated dislike of anything that might suggest that Skelmersdale is near Up Holland (Letters, July 20) I find his assertion that the missing sign somehow managed to create for him a boundary line that was 'away from the close proximity to Skem' a little disconcerting.

The boundary is where the two meet, unlike the minds of Mr Dennis and myself and I hope those of lots of other Skemmers reading his slight on our town.

Creating a lament for the sign in which to wrap his prejudice made for a very sad letter.

M J Brown, Skelmersdale

If you don't like Skem just move!

IN response to the letter headed 'Why have they taken down our sign' (Champion, July 20), well Ron Dennis I hate to disappoint you but your actual postal address is Daybrook, Up Holland Skelmersdale and your postcode is , WN8 - I'm surprised you never paid to get that changed as well.

So, unfortunately for you, you live in Skelmersdale.

I don't know why you have a low opinion of Skelmersdale but I suggest you move if you don't like Skelmersdale.

I wonder if you want the Champion re-naming as well, you wouldn't want to be seen reading the Skelmersdale Champion.

Sharon, annoyed Skelmersdale resident

PICTURE of the week

There was a harvesting hive of activity with a demonstration of steam driven threshing by Johnson's of Banks who featured in last weekend's Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally which took place at the Leisure Lakes. Picture by Martyn Snape.

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■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Bike ban will put off shoppers

I AGREE wholeheartedly with Mr Ron Webster's letter (Champion, July 20) about the Concourse ban on bicycles.

The feeble bike stands outside the Concourse are next to useless and afford no security to cycles.

People are paying extremely high prices for a lot of today's bikes and no insurance company would pay out if you had a bike stolen from one of these stands.

I would like to ask the Concourse management if this was done on an issue of safety as I see no difference in pushing a bike through the Concourse than a pram, disabled scooter or a shopping trolley.

I have been injured by two of the aforementioned items whilst in the Concourse, but never by a bike!

I hope the shop owners realise that what the Concourse is doing is putting people off shopping there.

I, for one, will go elsewhere when I am on my bike - your loss, Concourse.

Bill Sealey, via email

Scarecrows really brighten up drive through village

I JUST wanted to say a BIG thank-you to all the residents of Halsall who have made it such a pleasure to drive through the village, due to their wonderful community-spirited Scarecrow competition entries.

It is heartwarming to see how many people have become involved with this event - it brings a smile to my face every time I visit (especially when I drive past Mr Potato Head).

;-) Thank you.

Amanda Bennett, Bickerstaffe

West Lancs section of bypass cycle path is a disgrace

HAS anyone brought to your attention the state of the cycle path on the Rainford bypass once you leave St Helens behind and enter into West Lancashire?

It will shortly force cyclists to either dismount or worse still ride on the dual carriageway.

The problem is the unchecked growth of trees, bushes and shrubs which in several places has reduced the path to a matter of inches in places.

I have contacted Councillor Fillis, but apart from an acknowledgement the problem remains.

Mike Brown, by email

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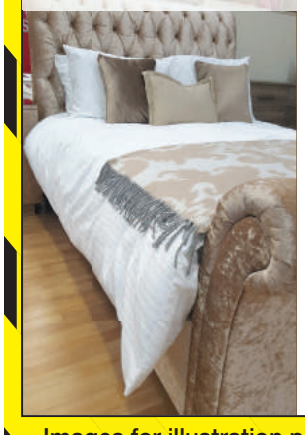

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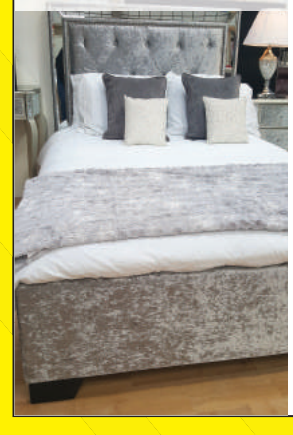

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County's primary pupils shine in Key Stage tests

LANCASHIRE County Council's education chief has praised the performances of the county's primary school pupils in recent national tests.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the authority's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm really pleased with this year's Key Stage 1 and 2 results.

"The Key Stage 1 results for seven-year-olds and Key Stage 2 results for 11-year-olds both show that our primary school children are doing well, above the national average in some key areas and this is definitely something worth celebrating.

"Provisional results for Key Stage 1 indicate that 60.9% of Lancashire pupils have reached the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined, higher than the national average, while 53.4% of pupils reached this standard for Key Stage 2, again higher than the average across the country.

"I'm aware that the new curriculum and examinations have caused some concerns for both teachers and parents so these results are particularly pleasing. Although they can't be compared to last year, I'm satisfied that our results are either in line or slightly above the national average. They are a compliment to our primary school staff, governors, parents and of course the children themselves.

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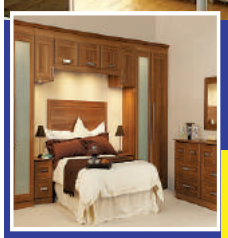

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Honorary doctorate for local baroness

BARONESS Cathy Ashton of Up Holland has been made an Honorary Doctor of Edge Hill University in "recognition of the powerful influence" her international political roles have had in encouraging peace and stability around the world.

The Labour politician served as the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and First Vice President of the European Commission.

Highlights of her diplomatic career include her role in brokering the first-ever talks between the leaders of Serbia and Kosovo, re-opening diplomatic channels in Egypt following the Arab Spring, securing the details that formed the subsequent agreement to freeze Iran's nuclear programme, and working with US Secretary of State John Kerry to co-ordinate successive rounds of economic sanctions against Russia after its annexation of Crimea.

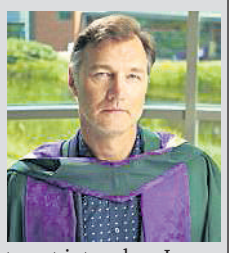
Baroness Cathy Ashton

Accepting her accolade from the Ormskirk University's vice-chancellor, John Cater, she said: "Education is absolutely everything, it is the transforming element of your life. It allows you to do things that your families before you could not have done. It allows you to understand the world better.

"Education is the way out of the past and into the future."

Acting star 'amazed' by facilities

BAFTA nominated actor David Morrissey (***right***) has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Arts by Edge Hill University for his ongoing contribution to UK drama, television and film.



Accepting his accolade from the Ormskirk university's chancellor, Professor Tanya Byron, he said: "It's a great honour to be here and share your day with you. I was shown around this fantastic university and have been so impressed by everything.

"The facilities are just amazing and I was bowled over by these professional studios that are just like the ones I was desperate to get into when I was starting out.

"Being from Liverpool, when I do come back to the North West, the thing I always think about is family. When I told my mum and dad I wanted to be an actor, it was like telling them I wanted to be an astronaut because they couldn't help me. They knew nobody in that profession at all but they encouraged me."

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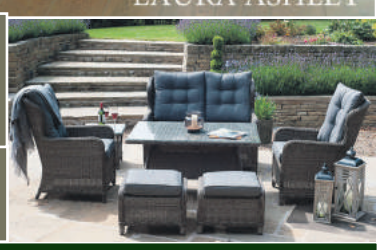

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Day I found I couldn't organise a booze-up in a brewery!

I WAS invited to a local brewery this week, one of those gallant, small micro breweries that have sprung up all over the country, producing the kind of beer that in former days I would have been delighted to have a tasting session with.

As it was, I settled for an excellent mug of tea produced by the same chap who is presently turning out award-winning ale.

This was only the second actual brewery I have 'toured', the first was at Wainfleet, just outside bracing Skegness. To my shame I cannot for the life of me remember what it is called but it too produced wonderful brews on a relatively small scale.

But it was also my third visit to a brewery, though not its 'working parts'. The other was back in the late 1960s or early 1970s and it was when I discovered that, yes, I couldn't organise a booze-up in a brewery!

I had applied for a job with one of the largest London breweries, famed for its production of 'real ale' on account of: a) my boss at that time and I just did not get along; and b) at that time beer, or the drinking of it anyway, was my major hobby.

As it turned out the whole day could be said to have been a waste of time since, having been led into a wonderful oak-panelled boardroom and been introduced to an avuncular gentleman who headed up their PR team, I was told 'thanks for coming, but really there is no job'. The vacancy had been filled from inside as, I imagine, had been the intention all along.

Pity that, because one vital part of my job, had I got it, was to nip along to the opening of new or refurbished pubs and entertain the local and sometimes national press by 'buying' them drinks, telling them what a good brewery it was I worked for and generally see to it that they had a jolly good time, hic!

Anyway that was not to be, but a good day out it was anyway. My avuncular friend insisted that I must have had to buy breakfast on the train from Wigan. I would, of course, require lunch and dinner on the train home (for which the brewery had already coughed up first-class tickets). Oh, and of course the taxi journeys from and to Euston and from and to my home.

Lovely chap.

But all this has put me in mind of other interviews I have attended – some good, some bad, some just off-putting.

There was one with some kind of up-and-coming electronics giant near Bournemouth. Well. It wasn't so much an interview as a succession of IQ tests. I happen generally to be rather good at those, but frankly I had decided, long before they had, that this probably wasn't the place for me.

Another one, with a national safety organisation in London, was the very opposite of the one at the brewery. You climbed rickety stairs to a shambles of an office somewhere near Paddington. Since I spent most of my short interview arguing with my inquisitors I was already in the mood to tell them where they could poke their job when the subject came to expenses. First class train – the very idea! Eating? Well, I had to do that wherever I was, so shall we say a pie and a pint?

And I did tell them exactly where they could put their job – and it wasn't in a scruffy office near Paddington!

Then there were the really civilised ones. Like one with a famous city bank, which I never really thought I stood a chance of getting. I didn't either, but was called back for a second interview so put that one down as a kind of success.

And lastly of course, the two that got away.

I've mentioned before my interview for a job with the old Ribble bus company that I stupidly turned down.

There was also one with British Rail's PR people which I didn't get because I didn't put up a good enough performance I suppose.

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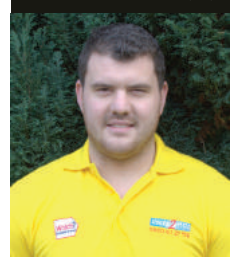

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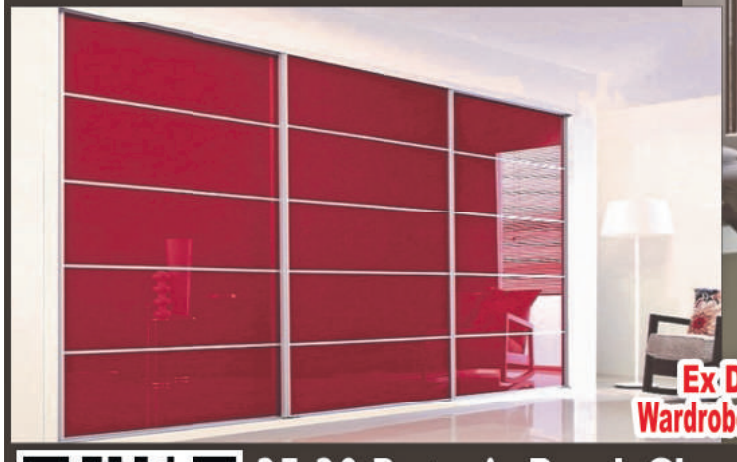

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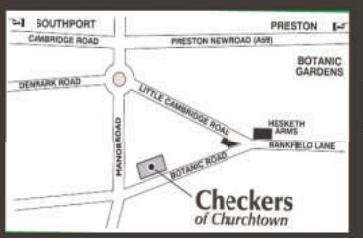

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University initiative shortlisted for Heart Safe award

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill's commitment to heart health has been recognised with a shortlisting in the UK Heart Safe Awards 2016.

The Ormskirk university is nominated in the educational establishment of the year category in recognition of Heartstart training offered to employees and students.

The Heartstart initiative, supported by the British Heart Foundation, aims to teach people the skills needed to help keep someone alive until professional help arrives.

Students and staff taking part learn essential life-saving skills, including how to deal with an unconscious person; how to spot the signs and symptoms of a heart attack; recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR; how to deal with choking and how to deal with serious bleeding.

Karen Simpson, senior lecturer in paramedic practice and pre-hospital care at Edge Hill, said the Heartstart initiative has been a great success with staff and students.

Mandatory requirement

"Winning the UK Heart Safe award would help to promote Edge Hill's focus on simple first aid skills, and potentially encourage future students to study and undertake research in this life-saving area.

"Edge Hill University has held a number of events with professional groups such as Hand on Heart, Lancashire Defibrillation Campaign, British Heart Foundation and North West Ambulance Service to promote heart safe skills.

"We have also introduced heart safe skills as a mandatory requirement for certain job roles and post-graduate courses to ensure life-saving skills are present across the campus.

"In the future we are looking to develop a mobile app that provides basic first aid advice and information about health services in the area.

"The university also hopes to be registered with the UK Resuscitation Council by the end of 2017," she added.

The UK Heart Safe Awards is the UK's leading national awards competition to celebrate organisations and employers who invest in creating Heart Safe environments and the acts of individuals who have saved lives while at work or leisure.

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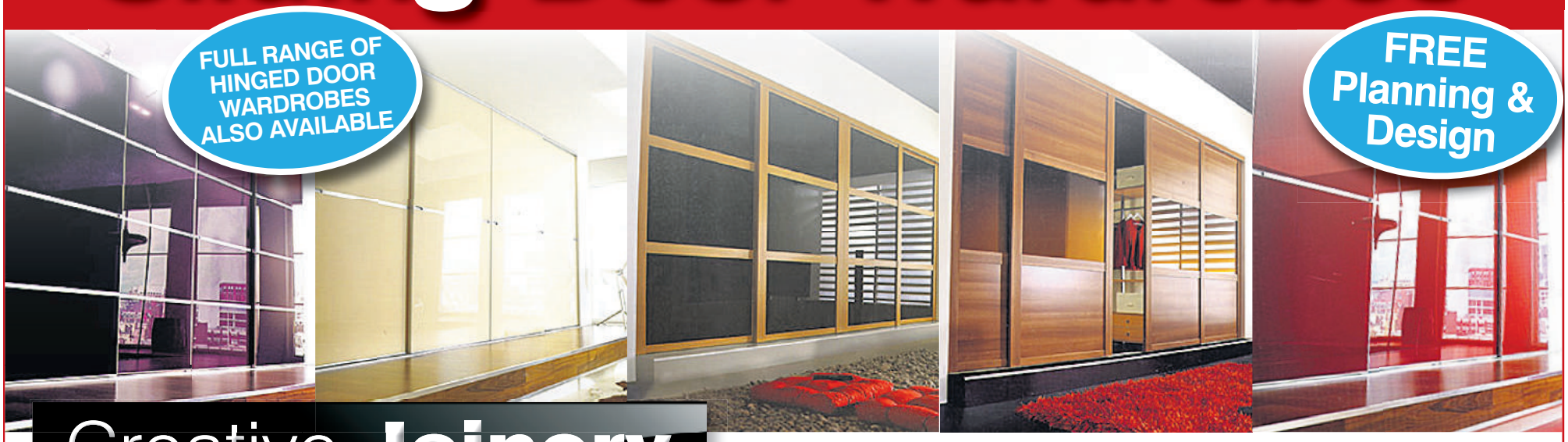

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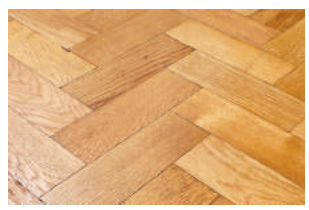

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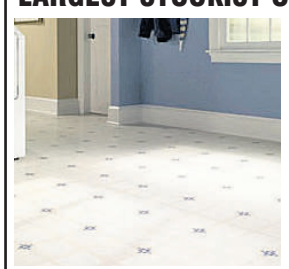

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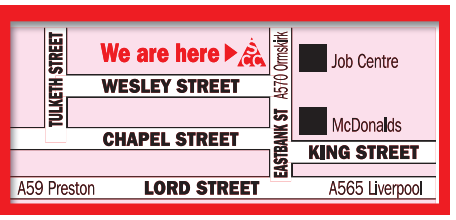

Put your eyesight before fashion when it comes to sunglasses

FASHION-CONSCIOUS sunglasses wearers are being urged to make sure that their trendy shades are actually protecting their eyes from harmful UV rays.

Natalie Simm, store director at Specsavers in Ormskirk, is warning local residents to be careful to buy sunglasses which protect their eyes up to UV400 levels and have a CE marking, which show that they are up to a suitable standard to be sold within Europe.

She said: "Many people are unaware that throwaway-fashionable sunglasses without the correct CE marks could actually endanger their sight more than not wearing sunglasses at all. This is because the dark lenses cause our pupils to widen and let more light in, but without the UV filter, this could increase the risk of certain eye conditions over the long term.

Painful

"Children's eyes are particularly at risk of damage, as they have larger pupils and clearer lenses in the eye than adults which allows more UV to penetrate.

"Kids should wear sunglasses as soon as they will keep them on, from around the age of two.

"Consumers need to ensure that they look out for the CE kite mark and that sunglasses are UV400 filtered. Cheaper glasses not bearing these marks might not provide adequate protection from the sun's harmful UV rays.

"Short-term exposure to UV rays can cause photo keratitis, painful inflammation on the front of the eye. Excessive long-term UV exposure has been linked to eye conditions such as age-related macular degeneration and cataracts."

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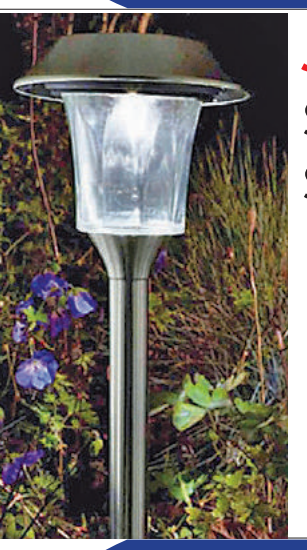

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Packed month of free activities in store for Junior Rangers

WEST Lancs Council's Junior Rangers Club have lined up a fabulous free month of activities for children aged between five and 12 throughout August in parks across the borough.

Children can learn outdoor survival skills, enjoy arts activities and find out more about the animals and plants that live in our parks.

There's also the opportunity to do the John Muir Discovery Award which helps them to discover, explore, conserve and share experiences of a wild space.

To achieve the award youngsters must attend at least four sessions. More details are available from Anne Faulkner, urban park ranger, on 01695 570258 or email anne.faulkner@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's sportfolio holder for leisure, said: "Children can enjoy exciting activities in the Junior Rangers programme this summer and learn a lot about nature and wildlife. The events are free so book online and come and join the Junior Rangers."

Children will be able to learn outdoor survival skills

Outdoor skills

All Junior Rangers' activities take place between 2 and 4pm, starting with Natural Art at Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Monday, August 1.

There are further art events at Beacon Country Park on Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 24.

The Junior Rangers can learn more about outdoor survival skills at Beacon Country Park on Tuesday, August 2.

They can then turn into investigators at Urban Nature Detective sessions on Wednesday, August 3 at Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale, and Richmond Park, Burscough, on Wednesday, August 10.

Booking opens seven days before each event and is essential to avoid disappointment. For more details on events, and to book places, email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 622794.

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult when attending a Junior Rangers event.

For more information about volunteering opportunities with the Ranger Service ring 01695 622794. You can also find out more about parks and countryside events by following the Rangers on Twitter @WLBC_Rangers or on Facebook.

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Martin Mere news

Do your children dream of becoming the next David Attenborough or Steve Backshall? This summer holiday, their dream can come true by becoming official Nature Explorers at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

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Adventures to tick off include canoeing through towering reeds, hunting for bugs, discovering giant LEGO® brick animals, exploring for lost items in Wild Walk and lots, lots more.

Budding explorers can begin their voyage of discovery by picking up a Nature Explorer passport from the front desk and collecting stickers for each of the activities they take part in, working their way up to gold. They can also find out how WWT's nature explorer Sacha Dench will be getting her own passport stamped 11 times in her daring bid to fly with Bewick's swans on their migration from arctic Russia to the UK, using just a parachute sheet and a propeller strapped to her back.

Explorers can channel their own sense of adventure with awesome Nature Explorer activities including:

- Spotting GIANT LEGO brick animals amongst their real life cousins at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre
- Paddling or gliding through exciting waterways to come face to face with kingfishers, water voles, dragonflies and lots more on canoe or boat safaris
- Channelling your inner detective to find out more about fantastic wetland wildlife by bug hunting and pond exploring
- Getting close to otters and finding out fascinating facts at special talks
- Picking up a pair of binoculars and discovering the wonderful birds that live in our wetlands from specially designed family-friendly hides

WWT Warden, Steve Nasir, said: "Being a Nature Explorer at Martin Mere is great fun for all the family and a fantastic way to inspire kids to love wildlife and want to protect it for the future. Here at WWT we are proud of our very own Nature Explorer, Sacha Dench, who this autumn will be flying with Bewick's swans along their entire 4,500 mile winter migration route – to help save this iconic species. So come along and emulate Sacha's daring spirit by taking part in your own Nature Explorer challenges at a WWT wetland centre near you."

For more information on Nature Explorer activities please visit wwt.org.uk/martinmere WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

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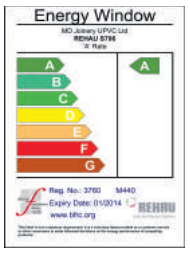

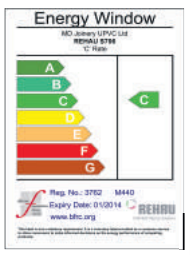

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Apprenticeships have 'image problem' with region's young people according to report

APPRENTICESHIPS have an image problem among young people in the North West, according to new research.

A new YouGov survey commissioned by employment specialists Reed in Partnership and qualifications body NCFE suggests apprenticeships have an 'image problem' among young people - with those aged 18 to 24 the least likely age group to see the merit of an apprenticeship.

The government's Apprenticeship Strategy states that their "goal is for young people to see apprenticeships as a high quality and prestigious path to successful careers".

However, an 18-24 year old is almost four times less likely than someone aged 55-plus to view an apprenticeship as the best option for 18-year-olds. Only 7% of people aged 18 to 24 considered apprenticeships as the best way forward, while 68% think Higher Education is the best option.

Only 25% of people in the North West view apprenticeships as the best option for 18-year-olds, compared to 49% who view HE as the best option.

Reed in Partnership managing director, Martin Fallon, said: "We support the government's aim to increase the number of young people going down the apprenticeship route after school. The benefits of apprenticeships are clear, both for the individuals undertaking them and for the taxpayer.

"However, our new research highlights the scale of the challenge the government faces to realise this ambition. "Apprenticeships continue to suffer from an image problem compared to Higher Education. The young people the Government wants to consider taking up apprenticeships are the least likely to view them favourably."

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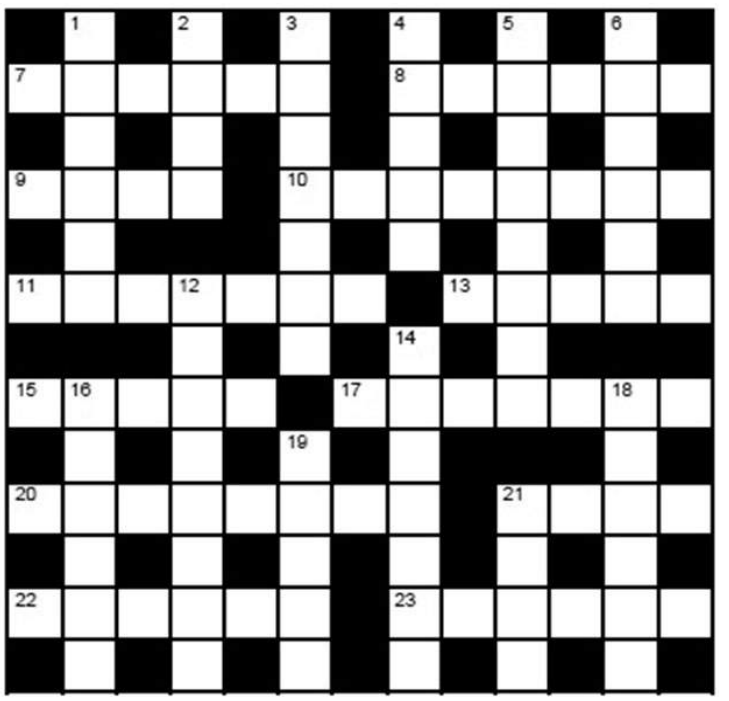

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Across: 7 Unadulterated. 8 Swooning. 9 Aeon. 10 Calypso. 12 Grail. 14 Field. 16 Numeral. 19 Gain. 20 Ulterior. 22 Certification.

Down: 1 Gnaw. 2 Idiocy. 3 Ellipse. 4 Ledge. 5 Bazaar. 6 Semolina. 11 Agitated. 13 Justice. 15 Length. 17 Errata. 18 Quaff. 21 Oboe.

ACROSS

7 Clandestine (6)
8 Informal term for a female relative or the BBC (6)
9 Tablet (4)
10 A compound consisting of two elements, one of which is a single oxygen atom (8)
11 Who you might visit if suffering toothache (7)
13 To bring about, engender (5)
15 Small tree bearing round, hard-shelled nuts (5)
17 Make-believe (7)
20 Building material, a mixture of stone, sand, cement and water (8)
21 Equitable (4)
22 Decorate (6)
23 Naked (6)

DOWN

1 Part of woman's dress (excluding the sleeves) which is above the waist (6)
2 Small, usually wooded valley (4)
3 To list individually (7)
4 Public declarations - usually in church - of a forthcoming marriage (5)
5 Unskilled (8)
6 Set on fire (6)
12 Wooden or earthenware platter used for serving food (8)
14 Cautious (7)
16 Wading bird with upturned bill (6)
18 To show a continuous and dramatic increase (6)
19 Mainly nocturnal warm-climate lizard (5)
21 Something known to be true (4)

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High school celebrates teacher training partnership success

STAFF at Deyes High School in Maghull have hosted a celebration get-together to mark the success of 41 newly-qualified primary and secondary teachers who all train in schools in a partnership with Deyes, entitled School Direct.

Driving force behind the scheme at Deyes, assistant headteacher Pauline Treanor, said: "Becoming a school-centred initial teacher training establishment was a vision held over two years ago and this year our first cohort came to fruition.

"This was achieved through collaboration and partnership of more than 25 schools and 50 home coaches, plus the support of headteachers from across Merseyside and wider boroughs, committed to identify and empower future teachers to train and work in schools with the aim of improving children's education.

"I am delighted that our first cohort have all successfully completed the course and have been recommended for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

"More than 75% are already employed, 26 locally.

"Our mantra is 'everyday is an interview' and this has certainly been the case.

"These quality professionals have taken every opportunity provided to them. Many have designed new curriculums and created outstanding resources shared across the partnership. They have led initiatives in the schools, leading assemblies, events and numerous extra-curricular activities.

"Alison Brady, the first cohort manager, and I have always said 'take every opportunity available' and this has certainly been the case. School Direct is about learning on the job and our trainees achieved this working alongside classroom experts."

Anyone interested in teacher training with Associated Merseyside Partnership SCITT can contact Mrs Treanor on p.treanor@deyeshigh.co.uk.

Pauline Treanor (left) AMP SCITT head and manager Alison Brady (right) with some of the newly-qualified teachers at their graduation at Deyes High.

Helping hand for service vets

IF you've served in the armed forces and are finding it hard to adapt to life on Civvy Street, help is at hand.

Joe Crocock, Military Veterans Service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We want to encourage veterans experiencing mental health problems such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety or those dealing with substance misuse, to get in touch with the service. It is made up of specialists who understand the culture of the armed forces and can provide help for anyone experiencing emotional difficulties or wanting to develop their skills and look for new employment."

For more information or to make a self-referral, visit www.lancashire-care.nhs.uk/Military-Veterans or call 0300 323 0707.

Health chiefs' safe sex message

HEALTH chiefs are urging young people in Lancashire to practice safe sex this summer to help prevent unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Sue Capstick, contraception and sexual health service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "At this time of year we see an increase of under-25s visiting our clinics for screenings, so it's important to get the message across to people that good condom use is an effective way of helping to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

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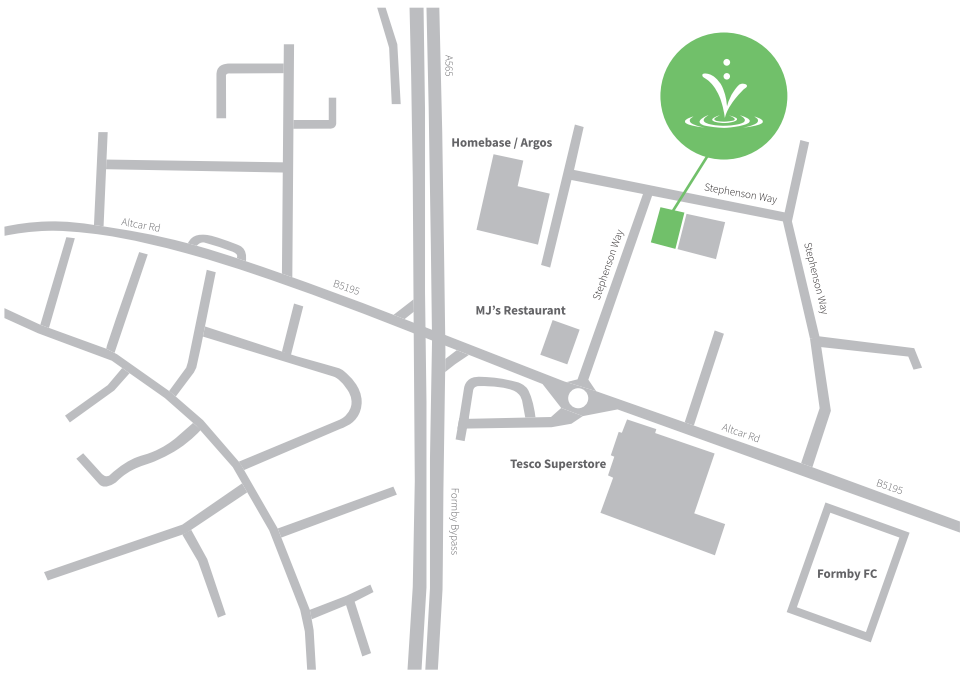

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A 60 minute highly interactive and energetic show, full of singing, dancing, spectacular acrobatics and music, featuring original tracks from the hit TV show including No One's Lazy in LazyTown, Big Bang and Never Say Never. LazyTown Live on Stage features Sportacus, Stephanie, Ziggy, Robbie Rotten and the audience.

Robbie is at his rottenest, Sportacus at his super-active best. LazyTown engages, entertains and motivates children to make healthier choices. For some kids, it's all about music and dancing, while for other kids it's about sports and action. But for parents, it's a tool to raise healthy kids.

Stephanie, an optimistic girl with bright pink hair, comes to live in LazyTown and meets a zany mix of townspeople, including the world's laziest super-villain, Robbie Rotten.

Fortunately for Stephanie, LazyTown is also under the watchful eye of Sportacus, an athletic, super-active, slightly-above-average hero, who runs, jumps and flips. Sportacus always manages to save the day and help the kids of LazyTown foil Robbie's latest lazy schemes.

LazyTown

Sportacus has SportsCandy with every meal. He thinks it's a good idea to let kids choose what type of SportsCandy they want each day. Sportacus likes to make up themes such as Melon Mondays or Banana Sundays. He also thinks it's a great idea to get everyone moving and exercising to thwart Robbie's plans.

Be prepared to join all your favourite LazyTown characters Live on Stage and learn how to be a real Super Hero in this interactive stage show.

It will be at The Empire from Thursday, August 11 to Saturday, August 13.

To be in with a chance of winning tickets answer this question: How many minutes does LazyTown last for? Answers, which must include an address and a telephone number, to Champion newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA by Thursday, August 4 at 1pm.

Roy Chubby Brown

Controversial comedian in return visit to resort

CONTROVERSIAL comedian Roy Chubby Brown is coming back to the town for his 2016 tour.

Chubby Brown, who is known for his "blue" style of humour, can be seen at Southport Theatre this Saturday (July 30).

He promises to pull no punches and leave no topic off-limits with his jaw-dropping take on the world and everyone in it.

As politically incorrect as ever, 'The World's Most Outrageous Comedian' is far too rude for TV, so his live performances are the only place to see Chubby in action.

Roy Chubby Brown has been entertaining audiences for more than 40 years, first as a drummer and then as a comedy act under the name 'Alcock and Brown'. His solo career began with a runner-up spot on New Faces, a rare TV appearance given the nature of his current act. Since then he has maintained a loyal following for his controversial stand-up routines.

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JOAN CROFT
(nee Braithwaite)
5th July 2016

Paula & Joanne would like to thank family, friends & neighbours for their kind wishes & donations for Motor Neurone Disease & Queenscourt. Thanks to the Carers from Stocks Hall for their help over the last few months, Crossroads Care & Queenscourt Hospice. Thanks to Eleanor (St Paul's) for a beautiful service, The Coach House for a lovely buffet and Skelmersdale Funeral Directors ffor their service and support

BIRCHALL BRIAN

June and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice, a special thank you to the doctors and nurses of Skelmersdale Family Practice and all the staff at Queenscourt Hospice. Also Peter Giles for his kind Ministrations on the loss of Brian.

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Dearly missed 3 years on 25/07/13

Another year has passed without you by my side.I miss you dearly and love you more.Good night God bless Helen.
Love from Robby xxx.

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HELEN RIDING
Missing you mum
27/07/2013

It only seems like yesterday but all the heartache is still there,
All our hearts were broken and there sadly is no repair.
We love and miss you mum Love from Robby,Amy,Joe and Bump xxxx.

3 years ago you sadly went away to take a well earned rest. Of all the mums in the world i was lucky to have the best. Love and miss you always mum. Love from Jeff xxx

RIDING HELEN
Three Years Today
July 25th 2013

Remembering you is easy we do it every day losing you is a heartache that never goes away.
Broken hearted
Mum & Dad

You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why
Broken Hearted
Brother Mark, Kerry & Family,
& Brother Fred & Family

IN MEMORIAM

RIGBY JAMIE
Our Jay
Tragically taken from us 27/07/2004

Thinking of you forgetting you never.
Your beautiful face in our hearts forever. To give you a hug and hold you once more, is what our hearts are yearning for. But you were only lent not given, to bud on Earth and bloom in Heaven.
So look around your garden Lord and find the son we love. Put your arms around him, oh how we wish we could.
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RIGBY JAMIE
27th July 2004

To our forever friend Jamie.
Time slips by,
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From our hearts you are never gone.
We love and miss you and always will.
God Bless.
Your friends,
Joan, Jimmy, Jay and Jo
xxxx

RIGBY JAMIE
27TH JULY 2004

Rembering you Jamie,always in our hearts and prayers.
Miss you and love you forever.
Love
Uncle Les,Auntie Hope,Adam and Amy xxx

IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON ALAN
29th July 2014

Two sad years.
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God Bless
Your friends,
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xxxx

DEATHS

BATTY DAVID (DAVE)
16th July 2016
Peacefully in hospital Aged 83 Years

Ours is just a simple prayer for God to keep you in His care.

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July 20th 2016.
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DEATHS

ACKERS GEORGE
16th July 2016
Beloved Husband of Sheila and Father to Andrew and Angela. George was a devoted Grandfather and will be sadly missed by family, friends and all that knew him

Funeral and celebration of George's life to be held at West Lancs Crematorium, Pippin St, Burscough, L40 7SP on Thursday 28th July at 11.30am. Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK

WALSH JAMES (JIM)

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Funeral service will take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 29th July 2016 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only but the family are receiving donations for R.N.L.I. All enquiries to Gibbs Funeral Directors, Clarence Mews, Clarence Road, Southport PR8 4BH. Tel: 01704 551666.

WALKER LLOYD JANET
16th July 2016
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Aged 65 years

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DEATHS

REILLY SUSAN (Susie)
22nd July 2016

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Always in our hearts.
Your loving brother Paul, Nicky, Tom, Lauren and Katie
xxx

REILLY SUSAN (Susie)
22nd July 2016

You were such a loving Sister, you were such a loving friend,
I will always have you in my heart forever until the end.
Rest in peace Susie, back again with Cathy.
All our love from your broken hearted Sister Rose, Brother-In-Law Steve, Nieces & Nephews, Rebecca & Pete, Eve & Gareth and their families.
xxxx

REILLY SUSAN
(Susie)
22nd July 2016

There's a place in our hearts no one can fill.
Rest in peace our Susie, we miss you and always will,
love you forever.
Loving Sister Joyce, Dave, Carly, Robin, Logan, Hayley and Antony

DEATHS

REILLY SUSAN (Susie) MUM
22nd July 2016

Tears in my eyes will wipe away, but the love in my heart is there to stay.
A gentle nature, a heart of gold, these are the memories we will hold.
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Son Jamie, and Grandchildren James, Ella, Ethan and Alice
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REILLY SUSAN (Susie)
22nd July 2016
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For the sale of alcohol from 7am to 11pm Sunday to Thursday and from 7am to midnight Friday and Saturday.

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Dated 19th July 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MEADOWAY, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadoway, Tarleton from its junction with St Helens Well for approx. 25 Meters in an easterly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coe Lane – Meadoway and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3660/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HALL LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Bickerstaffe from its junction with Intake Lane to its junction with Ben Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 11th August 2016 until Sunday 11th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Ben Lane – Intake Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2705/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycles to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0600 hours on the following dates;
Saturday 6th August 2016 until Monday 8th August 2016
Saturday 13th August 2016 until Monday 15th August 2016
Saturday 15th October until Monday 24th October 2016
Or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5246 Meadow Lane – B5246 Rufford Road – B5246 Hall Lane – B5246 Robin Lane – B5246 Chorley Road – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – A5209 Ash Brow – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – A5209 Square Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Causeway Lane – B5246 Diamond Jubilee Road and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3083/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A59 NORTHWAY & ST MICHAEL ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) NOTICE 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any person to cause or permit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding at a speed exceeding 30 MPH over that length of A59 Northway, Aughton in the Borough of West Lancashire.

No speed limit imposed by this (order) (notice) applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 15/08/2016 until 09/09/2016.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3664/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HALL LANE, SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Simonswood from its junction with Hursts Lane to its junction with Sefton District Boundary.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 11th August 2016 until Sunday 11th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Hall Lane – Shevington Lane – A506 Bank Lane – B5197 Prescott Road – A506 Cunscough Lane – Simonswood Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2706/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 2 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Tuesday 9th August 2016 until Friday 26th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 29th June 2016 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council** (LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3557/1/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0750/FUL Erection of agricultural building (resubmission of planning permission 2015/0397/FUL) at Tunley Brook Barn, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0587/FUL Erection of stable building and extension to existing manege at Charity Farm, Smithy Brow Wrightington.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 27th July 2016
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Apparently Pikachus and Jigglypuffs are everywhere and more popular than a video of Taylor Swift counting down the internet's top ten amusing cat videos. You thought the motoring column in *The Champion* would be a good place to get away from *Pokémon Go*, didn't you? Sadly not, because it has not one but two motoring-related applications.

The first is that the police in Sefton and West Lancashire really ought to be strongly encouraging more people to go out and play Pokémon Go, because it's more effective at curbing your speed than any yellow flashing box of misery ever will be.

My other half is obsessed with the app and uses every outing to up her Pokémon stash, but in order to fool the game into thinking you're merely Usain Bolt on an evening jog rather than a pair of cheats in a car you realistically can't do any more than 35mph.

All of which means everyone else is either stuck behind at 30-ish or too busy playing the game themselves (from the passenger seat, obviously) to care. Really all of the region's three million 20mph zones ought to be festooned with Pokéstops and the dual carriageways stripped of them altogether, in some brilliant bid to control everyone's speed without them noticing.

But the even better news – and I hope there are some budding game developers reading this week – is that the thinking behind *Pokémon Go* clearly has a petrolhead application. Stick with me on this one, because it could make an entire generation interested in cars again.

It's a little known fact that the Automatic Numberplate Recognition system beloved of the police and paranoid petrol station operators can be harnessed as a mobile phone app. As a result it's entirely plausible could make a game where kids collect fast cars rather than weirdly shaped Nineties dinosaurs – and then race 'em against their mates later on.

It'd encourage kids to get into great cars early – use the game to go hunting at your nearest supermarket and might end up with nothing more than a 12-reg Focus, but make the effort of going to a car show and your phone might zap a Jaguar XJ220 and a Ferrari F40 in the same day. Think of it as *Gran Turismo Go* and you've got the idea; only with Porsches rather than Pikachus as the prize catches.

Obviously, I'll expect millions of pounds in royalties when the game's inevitably launched later this year. Just remember, you read it here first…

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10 FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 1.4 TDCI 5DR, panther black, A/C, alloys, cruise, privacy glass, £20 tax..... £5,999
10 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 VTI ALLURE 5DR, astral silver, full leather, alloys, A/C, 21,000 miles.. £4,999
10 FORD C-MAX ZETEC TDCI 115, met blue, A/C, alloys, 59,000 miles..... £4,999
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57 HONDA CIVIC SE 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in light blue metallic with Honda service history, only 67,000 miles, superb condition inside and out, Honda alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking, air conditioning, multi stack CD, 12 months MOT

11 NISSAN MICRA 5DR AUTOMATIC, finished in tungstan grey metallic, only 1 owner from new, sat nav, velour trim, full Nissan service history, 1200cc, remote locking, 2 keys, multi change CD player, cruise control, e/windows and mirrors

63 VAUXHALL CORSA ENERGY 3DR HATCHBACK, 1200cc, finished in burnt orange, only 12,000 miles, full service history, alloy wheels, velour trim, low insurance, 12 months Parbold parts & labour warranty

10 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 NTEC 5DR, top of the range, finished in midnight black, fitted with sat nav, 1 lady owner from new, very low mileage only 39,000 with full Nissan service history, alloy wheels, 2 keys, superb condition inside and out **£4995**

06 RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE, 1400CC PETROL ENGINE, only 2 owners from new, full service history, timing belt been changed, low insurance, superb condition, full MoT **£1795**

58 NISSAN MICRA AUTOMATIC, 5DR, finished in blade silver, full service history, 12 months MoT, low insurance, 2 keys, remote locking, A/C, LOW MILEAGE ONLY 44,000 FROM NEW, CD player **£3695**

56 FORD FUSION 1.4, finished in blue, 2 owners from new, with full service history, just been MoT'd, only 25,000 miles from new, 2 keys, remote locking, Ford alloy wheels, immaculate inside and out **£2995**

58 FIAT GRAND PUNTO 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in battleship grey, service history, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, power assisted steering, low insurance, central locking, electric windows **£2395**

03 NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in silica gold metallic, long long MoT, serviced every 8,000 miles, 2 keys, remote locking, CD player, superb condition inside & out, **£1095**

57 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 1.4 CC PETROL, 2 owners from new, previously supplied by ourselves, finished in black, alloy wheels, air conditioning, 2 keys, remote locking, serviced every 12 months, full 12 months MoT **£2695**

56 FORD FUSION 2 1.4 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in kingfisher blue metallic, only 2 owners from new, very low mileage only 26,000, manual, 5 speed, low insurance, alloy wheels **£2995**

63 FORD KA EDGE, finished in rosso red, 1 owner from new, low insurance, only 12,000 miles from new, full Ford service history, 2 keys, like new **£4795**

57 FORD KA 1200CC, finished in panther black, low mileage only 52,000 from new, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, only group 2 insurance, superb economy, cheap road tax **£1595**

55 VOLSWAGEN GOLF GT TDI DIESEL 5DR, light blue metallic, power steering, service history, 1 family owner, full MoT, Volkswagen alloys **£3495**

06 FORD FOCUS LX SPORT 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in silver metallic, 2 owners from new, full 12 months MoT, only 59,000 miles from new, 2 keys, part exchange available. **£2395**

61 VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.0, cheap road tax, very low mileage only 30,000, 1 owner from new, Vauxhall service history, Vauxhall alloys, low insurance, finished in star silver, 2 keys, remote locking **£3995**

59 SUZUKI SWIFT 1.4 GLX 5DR, finished in sunburst red, full service history 1400cc, alloy wheels, remote locking, air con, CD player **£3195**

07 RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE, finished in black, only group 2 insurance 1200cc, power assisted steering, remote locking, 2 keys full MoT **£1995**

07 NISSAN MICRA INITIA 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in black, service history, previously supplied by ourselves, low tax and insurance, CD player, air con, 40,000 miles **£2495**

07 RENAULT CLIO, finished in graphite grey metallic, 1400cc, special edition Dynamique model. Only 2 owners, full MoT, r/locking, 2 keys, Renault alloys, service history, 69,000 miles only **£2195**

52 MAZDA MX5 CONVERTIBLE, 1800CC PETROL ENGINE, Mazda alloys, cream leather interior, full 12 months MoT. Factory fitted alarm, special edition trilogy model only 600 made **£2795**

54 MINI ONE 1.6 CC PETROL, finished in sunburst red with white roof, previously supplied by ourselves, full service history, just been MoT'd, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, CD player **£2,495**

11 NISSAN NOTE DIESEL, finished in blade silver metallic, 50,000 miles, full service history, superb economy, 12 months MoT, sat nav, remote locking, 2 keys, CD player, air con **£4,995**

59 NISSAN NOTE, finished in techno grey metallic, full Nissan service history, 2 keys, 1 owner from new, low insurance only group 5, multi change CD player **£4,195**

10 FORD FOCUS DIESEL 5DR, sky blue metallic, service history, 12 months MoT, remote locking 2 keys, alloy wheels, velour cloth trim **£3,695**

05 CORSA LIFE TWINPORT 1.2 5DR HATCHBACK, in silver, excellent condition, low miles for year, 69,000 miles, low insurance, full MOT, contrasting grey trim, full service history, really clean car **£1,695**

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TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£5175.20

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11 REG VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 EXCITE

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Alloy Wheels
20907 Miles

CASH PRICE	£4496
DEPOSIT	£89
INTEREST	£991.80
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1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£238.98
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£5785.80

11.2% APR

£89 PER MONTH

11 REG CITROEN DS3 1.6 DIESEL

In Red, Alloy Wheels
Air Conditioning
43801 Miles

CASH PRICE	£7897
DEPOSIT	£158
INTEREST	£1741
1 X PAYMENT	£307
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£158
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£307
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£9936

10.1% APR

£158 PER MONTH

15 REG VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SRi

In Grey
Conditioning
11489 Miles

CASH PRICE	£8494
DEPOSIT	£169
INTEREST	£1873.20
1 X PAYMENT	£318.97
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£169.97
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£318.97
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£10665.20

10% APR

£169 PER MONTH

63 PLATE VAUXHALL ASTRA SPORT TOURER 1.7 SRI DIESEL

In Black
Air Conditioning
Cruise Control
41045 Miles

CASH PRICE	£9268
DEPOSIT	£185
INTEREST	£2043.40
1 X PAYMENT	£334.44
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£185
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£334.44
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£11609.40

9.9% APR

£185 PER MONTH

15 REG VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.4 EXCLUSIV

In Blue
Power Steering
Alloy Wheels
11536 Miles

CASH PRICE	£11496
DEPOSIT	£230
INTEREST	£2534.60
1 X PAYMENT	£379.01
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£230.01
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£379.01
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£14328.60

9.6% APR

£230 PER MONTH

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60 REG MAZDA 2 SPORT 1.4 5DR

65428 Miles

CASH PRICE	£3996
DEPOSIT	£99
INTEREST	£779.40
1 X PAYMENT	£248
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£99
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£248
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£5370.40

9.9% APR

£99 PER MONTH

58 REG VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 DESIGN

36592 Miles

CASH PRICE	£3996
DEPOSIT	£99
INTEREST	£779.40
1 X PAYMENT	£248
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£99
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£248
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£5370.40

9.9% APR

£99 PER MONTH

14 REG SEAT IBIZA 1.2 S A/C

36417 Miles

CASH PRICE	£5496
DEPOSIT	£109
INTEREST	£1077.40
1 X PAYMENT	£258
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£109
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£258
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£7089.40

9.8% APR

£109 PER MONTH

59 REG FORD FIESTA 1.4 TITANIUM

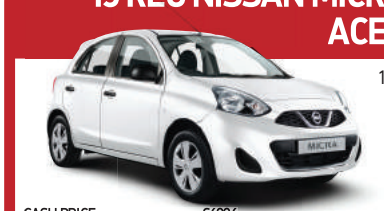
26000 Miles

CASH PRICE	£5996
DEPOSIT	£119
INTEREST	£1175.40
1 X PAYMENT	£268
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£119
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£268
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£7588.40

8.9% APR

£119 PER MONTH

15 REG NISSAN MICRA 1.2 ACENTA



14312 Miles

CASH PRICE	£6996
DEPOSIT	£139
INTEREST	£1371.40
1 X PAYMENT	£288
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£139
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£288
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£8804.40

8.9% APR

£139 PER MONTH

63 REG VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER EXCLUSIV CDTI

35334 Miles

CASH PRICE	£9696
DEPOSIT	£199
INTEREST	£2136.82
1 X PAYMENT	£348
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£199
1 X FINAL PAYMENT	£348
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Amount Financed	£7,463.55	Optional Final Payment (GFV)	£3,381.00	Annual Mileage	5000
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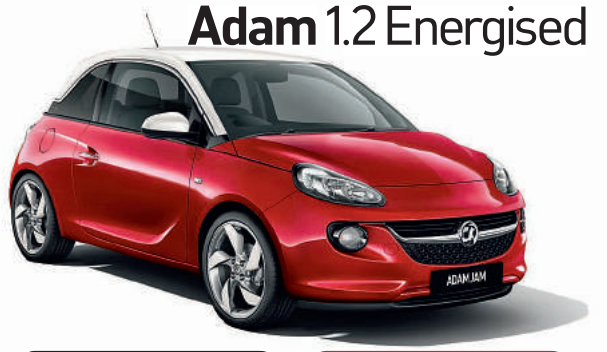

£158 DEPOSIT | £158 PER MONTH

Cash Price	£13,056.68	47 Monthly Payments	£158.74	Total Amount Payable	£14,257.78
Deposit	£158.00	Interest	£1,201.10	Finance Deposit Allowance	£1,400.00
Amount Financed	£10,698.68	Optional Final Payment (GFV)	£4,439.00	Annual Mileage	5000
				APR	4.0%

Brand New Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 (75) Energy (A/C) 3dr

£135 DEPOSIT | £135 PER MONTH

Cash Price	£11,311.98	45 Monthly Payments	£135.99	Total Amount Payable	£12,657.53
Deposit	£135.00	Final Monthly Payment	£284.99	Finance Deposit Allowance	£1,500.00
Amount Financed	£9,276.88	Interest	£1,047.65	Annual Mileage	5000
Initial Monthly Payment	£284.99	Optional Final Payment (GFV)	£3,933.00	APR Representative	5.2%

Brand New Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 (75) Limited 3dr

£158 DEPOSIT | £158 PER MONTH

Cash Price	£13,151.64	45 Monthly Payments	£158.74	Total Amount Payable	£14,700.78
Deposit	£158.00	Interest	£1,125.14	Finance Deposit Allowance	£650
Amount Financed	£10,993.64	Optional Final Payment (GFV)	£3,381.00	Annual Mileage	5000
				APR	5.0%

Brand New Vauxhall Mokka 1.6 Exclusiv

£188 DEPOSIT | £188 PER MONTH

Cash Price	£16,418.76	47 Monthly Payments	£188.73	Total Amount Payable	£17,848.31
Deposit	£188.00	Interest	£1,429.55	Finance Deposit Allowance	£3,000.00
Amount Financed	£12,730.76	Optional Final Payment (GFV)	£5,290.00	Annual Mileage	5000
				APR	4.0%

Brand New Vauxhall Astra 1.0T SRi

£217 DEPOSIT | £217 PER MONTH

Cash Price	£16,600.00	47 Monthly Payments	£217.89	Total Amount Payable	£18,341.83
Deposit	£217.00	Interest	£1,721.83	Finance Deposit Allowance	£650.00
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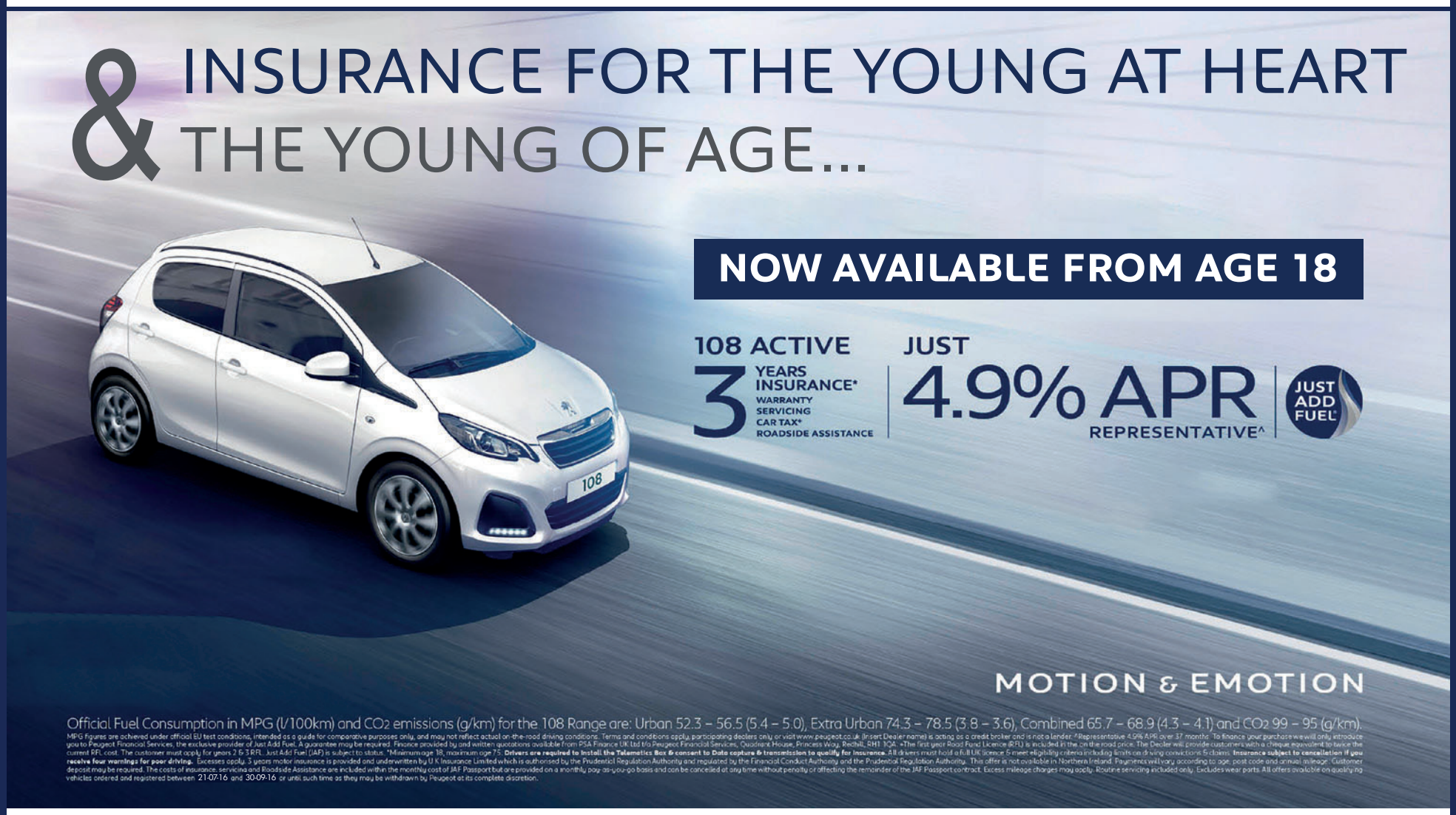

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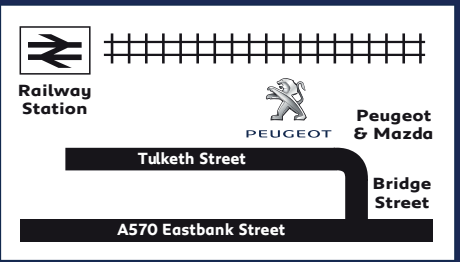

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- Alloys

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- Alloys
- Air Con
- CD Player
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- FSH
- Alloys
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- Alloys

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13 Vauxhall Astra 2.0 Cdti Se Auto

- Estate
- 1 Owner
- FSH
- Alloys

£44 A WEEK

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- 1 Owner
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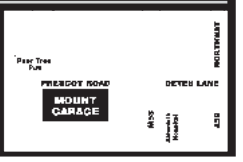

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Burscough forced to settle for draw at Orrell

BURSCOUGH are in fourth place in the Liverpool Competition First Division, three points behind Fleetwood Hesketh, after being held to a draw at home against Orrell Red Triangle.

After being asked to bat first Lee Berrie (51), Brendan Domigan (41), Ryan Hughes (37), Alan Murray (31*) and Chris Andrews (24*) enabled Burscough to declare after 52.5 overs on 221-5, with Lee Martinus taking 3-56.

In reply Sam Heeley (76) and Petrus Jeftha (41) helped deny Burscough as Orrell ended on 191-8, with Navdeep Aujla taking 4-42.

Maghull climbed out of the relegation zone with a much needed four wicket home win over Prestatyn.

The visitors elected to bat and thanks to Sampath Perera (40), Gareth Boughey (38) and Joe Horton (26) posted 181 up on the board, with Liam Johnson taking 6-80 with the ball.

In reply, Australian Jack Wrigglesworth hit an unbeaten 86, Greg Gillespie (29) and Jon Ring (23) as Maghull sealed victory on 185-6.

Ainsdale moved joint top with a five wicket win at Newton le Willows after dismissing for 121 with Mal Swift continuing his recent fine form with 7-44, whilst Connor Windell claimed five victims behind the stumps.

Ainsdale slipped to 23-3 in reply as Cameron Smith tore through the top order, before Sam Lucas (41) and an unbeaten 53 from Mark Lucas restored order as they eased their way to victory on 126-5.

Fleetwood Hesketh sit six points behind the joint leaders in third place after holding Wigan to a draw at Bull Hey. The hosts batted first and skipper and former New Zealand Test batsman Aaron Redmond responded with an unbeaten 120, as they virtually batted Fleetwood out of the game with 263-4 in 56 overs. The visitors were 103-6 at one point but a bludgeoned unbeaten 50 from keeper Lee Rimmer and an unbeaten 20 from Tommy Wareing took Fleetwood to safety as they closed on 173-6.

Southport & Birkdale have a game in hand on the top four and moved up to fifth place with a seven wicket home win over Highfield.

Burscough host Prestatyn on Saturday.

Ormskirk second after 114-run win

ORMSKIRK sit in second place in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table after a 114 run home win over relegation threatened Rainford.

A superb century from Josh Bohannon (122 inc 14x4 & 1x6), 47 from Andy Baybutt and 43 from Ian Robinson enabled Ormskirk to declare on 250-4, with Andy Davies taking 3-50.

In reply John Dotters hit an unbeaten 55 but his efforts were all in vain as Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan 4-28 and Scott Less 3-27 helped dismiss Rainford for 136 to seal an emphatic victory.

Northern sit on top of the table after a convincing 115 run win at struggling Birkenhead Park.

Batting first Northern declared on 220-5, thanks to Liam Grey (72), Justin Snow (35*), Stephen Cole (30) and skipper James Cole (27*).

In reply 4-38 from Ryan Maddock, 3-13 from Scott Snaylam and five victims behind the stumps from Northern's skipper helped seal victory and dismiss the hosts for 105.

Sixth placed Formby had a 27 run home win in a low scoring contest against Lytham.

The hosts were soon in trouble on 66-8 but 24 from James Seaward and 26 from tailender Ollie Sutton helped them eventually post 122, with Toby Lester 4-17 and Luke Williams 3-31 in form with the ball.

In reply Lytham opener Taylor Cornall almost took his team to victory but his 178 ball vigil ended when he was last man out for 48 as Lytham were dismissed for 95, with Gary Keedy 5-27 from 24 overs and Tym Crawford 5-42 taking all ten wickets to fall, whilst Seaward claimed five victims behind the stumps.

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Skem set to host Blues in county cup semi-final

SKELMERSDALE United face Everton this week in their long overdue Liverpool County FA Senior Cup semi-final clash.

Postponed last season due to bad weather, the tie has been re-scheduled for Thursday, July 28 at Stormy Corner, kick off 7.45pm.

Everton have a big squad and many of their youngsters have had first team experience, so hopes are high that a number of the players on show will have notched up Premier League appearances.

Skelmersdale have looked pretty good in the pre-season, bagging a draw with a strong Accrington Stanley team last week, so it could be close game.

One thing that is certain though, is that the match will be decided on the night, as Liverpool County cup competition rules dictate that after 90 minutes the match goes directly to a penalty shoot-out.

If Skelmersdale beat Everton, they will play the final on Saturday, August 6 against either Prescot Cables or Litherland Remyca.

Next week, Skelmersdale are in action on Tuesday, August 2 when they travel to Victoria Park to face Burscough.

The match will have the added twist that it could well be a rehearsal for the First Qualifying Round of the FA Trophy, where Skelmersdale have been drawn at home to either Burscough of Kendal Town.

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It's the dawn of new era for Linnets vows Sutton

Report by **Tom Martin**

BURSCOUGH'S newly appointed director of football, David Sutton, believes it's the "dawn of a new era" at the club.

As reported in the Champion, Mark Beesley has quit as manager and most of the first team players handed in transfer requests.

But Sutton believes new boss Dave Powell, first team coach John Filan and a whole host of new faces in the playing squad can steer the Linnets to success in the upcoming season.

He said: "This is a new beginning for Burscough FC.

"We are starting from scratch. We want the club to be successful but we all have to appreciate things will take time, so win or lose let us all give it a go.

"I want fans to be part of this new chapter in Burscough FC and let us grow together.

"We want players who will give their heart and soul.

"This is what we want Burscough FC to do.

"We want to build a community, a club that everyone wants to be a part of.

"People have only heard one side of the story about things that are happening here and we have not responded to the negative stories but concentrated on the positive things that are happening for the future.

"We want a new concept at Burscough.

"We want to do things differently, to be all inclusive where everybody is welcome and part of the Burscough family."

Burscough will host Witton Albion in a pre-season friendly this Friday (July 22) at 7.45pm

Dave Sutton

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Focus on Growing Young is all about choices and it is also about sitting down and thinking of what a typical day or week is going to be like once you are retired. There are a multitude of choices available out there so let us explore what they are...

Too often, we dream of our retirement years and hope that each day will provide us with the exact opposite of our busy working lives. Lazy mornings in bed, leisurely walks, long lunches and coffee whenever we feel like it, spending quality time with our children and grandchildren, taking off at a moment's notice. But is retired life really like that? And would we want it as directionless and as free of routine as you may have dreamt when you were younger? Truth is as we get older, most of us need routine and plans, much more than we ever did, so structure is more important than ever through our daily lives.

Look After Yourself

Eating well will encourage a better immune system and an increased ability to fight off illness and infections. Therefore you should try to cut down on red meat and processed foods. Whilst most of us love a drink, try to reduce the amount of alcohol you consume and make an effort to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. Try to eat fish a couple of times a week. Fish is amongst the healthiest foods on the planet, loaded with important nutrients such as protein and vitamin D. Fish is also a great source of Omega-3 fatty acids which are incredibly important to both the body and brain.

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If you have never been a member at a gym, but feel you don't want to become sofa bound, it is unlikely that you will keep it up all year long. So look at what you have always enjoyed doing and increase or renew your interest. If you love dancing, join a dance class. If you enjoy swimming, go to the local pool a couple of times a week. If walking in the countryside is more your thing, join a local ramblers club.

If you are an avid reader, make a list of all the books you have always wanted to read and never had the time.

Everyone has a story to tell and your relatives probably know surprisingly little about you. Write your memoirs by jotting down memories as you go.

And how about learning a new skill such as a language or maybe an instrument... All these activities will help keep you mentally active and are also great fun, whilst also allowing you get meet new people. You're never too old to learn something new!!!

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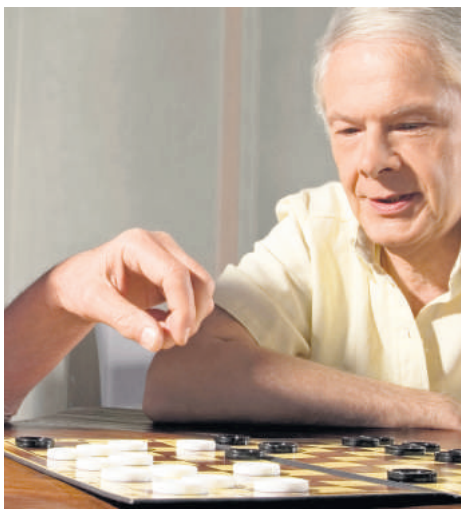

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Whatever your motivations are, it is important to focus on the possible pitfalls as well as what your hopes are. Every option will have pros' and cons' and it is important to research your preferred option. The Internet is a great source of information but talk to family and friends, not so you can be swayed but rather that you walk in to a new situation with your eyes wide open.

It could be that you want, or need to downsize, be in a different location or live within a retirement village. Any move is potentially full of risks and should be done in three basic stages.

1. A list of pros and cons of where you are and a list of what you would want the new home to be and provide for you. Chat with your partner or relatives while making this list and don't forget the implications on a long term basis. Moving at 60 to a sunny part of the world may have some repercussions 20 years later so what will you do then?

2. Look at all implications (financial, physical, local facilities, etc). Do not make another wish list but rather a fact sheet with as many details of what the move will cost both in the short and long term.

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